



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Applicant )  
Masayuki Toda et al. ) Art Group: 1763  
Serial No.: 09/381,061 )  
Filing Date: September 10, 1999 )  
Title: SUBSTRATE BODY FLOATING ) Examiner: Richard R. Beuker  
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RESPONSE

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, having a due date of October 31, 2002, which has been extended by one month by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of November 30, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending and rejected in this application.

Claims 1 and 3-8 are amended hereby; and claim 2 is cancelled hereby. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the claims, nor are any new issues raised.

5           Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, Applicants have amended 1 and 3-6 and have cancelled claim 2, keeping in mind the comments offered by the Examiner. As such, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 3-6 are in allowable form and hereby request the withdrawal of this particular rejection.

10           Responsive to the rejection of claims 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, Applicants have amended claims 3-6, keeping in mind the comments offered by the Examiner. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 3-6 are now in allowable form and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

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